THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) NTPC has not received any proposal from China Power Investment Corporation for joint venture.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Pending power projects of Kerala

257. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the pending power projects in Kerala;

(b) whether Government would give techno-economic and environmental clearance to the existing proposals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) Kannur CCGT Project (513 MW) by M/s. Kannur Power Project Ltd. is the only pending project in Kerala. Techno-economic clearnace to this project would be given by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on receipt of necessary inputs from the implementing agency.

White papers on power scenario in the capital

258. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi has recently published a white paper on power scenario in the capital, if so, the salient features thereof;

(b) whether this Ministry has recently reviewed the power scenario of the capital if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any suggestions as a part of contingency plan, if any, drawn by his Ministry have been given to State Government to meet the challenging power crisis, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has prepared a strategy paper on "Power sector in Delhi" which reflects the operational and financial performance of Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB). The paper gives a brief analysis of the current power situation and spells out a strategy for the reforms and restructuring of power sector in Delhi. It also mentions about extraordinarily high transmission and distribution losses and the financial losses of DVB.

(b) and (c) An action plan to ensure maximum availability of power in Delhi during the summer of 1999 formulated by Central Electricity Authority was reviwed in a meeting taken by Secretary (Power) on 13.11.1998 with Govt. of NCT of Delhi/DVB officials and others. It was decided that Govt. of UCT of Delhi/ DVB should complete the preventive maintenance of its power stations by end of April, 1999, maximise its generation, tie-up operational/commercial arrangements for import of 100 AW power from Eastern Region NTPC stations, enter into agreement with Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board for availing surplus power from Himachal Pradesh during summer months, install requisite quantum of shunt capacitors in Delhi system, augment its transmission, distribution and transformation system open letter of credit in favour of Badarpur TPS for full current energy bills, etc. It was also decided to increase allocation of power from unallocated quota of central sector stations in Northern region from existing level of 9% to 25% during the summer months